55. The operations projected in the annual plan at the beginning of the year were, on the whole, satisfactorily carried out. The deviations worth recording will be noted in the next chapter.

II.—WORKING OF THE YEAR.

(*a*). Communications and Buildings.

56. As a rule, the construction of roads is not undertaken departmentally, as in all the accessible forests the contractors during the exploitation of coupes purchased by them do a considerable amount of rough road-making, which is sometimes afterwards serviceable for country cart traffic.

•57. In the forests of the Dángs the case is different, and a system of well-considered roads is being laid out as funds are available.

58. The building works undertaken by the Forest Department consist in the erection of forest guards' houses built, in the usual style of village huts, of teakwood and wattle with thatched roofs; such guards' huts now exist all over the Northern Circle.

59. At the instigation of the Collector a number of new cattle-pounds has been erected in the two Thánā divisions to aid in the work of enforcing protection of closed coupes. The selection in the villages in which the pounds should be built, was made by the Divisional Forest Officers after consulting the local Revenue officers, good central situations being chosen. These pounds consist of a wire-fenced enclosure of about 1,200 feet with a teakwood gate at one side; in the middle of this enclosure a thatched or tiled shed is built as a protection to cattle against heat or wet.

60. The amount spent on works under this head was Rs. 649, on roads and bridges Rs. 535, buildings Rs. 1,660, and other works Rs. 110. The details of this expenditure are shown below:—

Description of Work.	East Thána.		West Thána.		Surat.		Panch Mahálś.		Total.	Remarks
	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.		
		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1. Bungalows—										
New work... ...	..	.....	...	.....	2	1,244 3 6	...	.....	1,244 3 6	
Repairs	1	145 4 6	2	42 0 0	5	135 4 7	1	41 11 0	364 4 1	
2. Roads—										
New work... ...	*3½ miles	11 2 0	...	.....	8 miles.	524 9 10	...	.....	535 11 10	*For extraction of material in coupes worked departmentally.
Repairs	...	.....	...	.....	91 miles.	367 10 9	...	.....	367 10 9	
3. Depôt houses—										
New work... ...	4	294 13 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	294 13 0	
Repairs	...	.....	1	8 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	8 0 0	
4. Guards' huts and forest posts—										
New work... ...	3	30 0 0	2	20 0 0	4	51 8 4	2	20 0 0	121 8 4	
Repairs	116	448 4 0	135	371 0 0	8	20 2 0	8	50 13 0	890 3 0	
5. Cattle-pounds—										
New work... ...	16	290 9 6	11	359 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	649 9 6	
Repairs	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	
6. Other works—										
New work... ...	...	.....	...	.....	2	110 0 0	...	.....	110 0 0	
Repairs	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	
Total ...	...	1,220 1 0	...	800 0 0	...	2,453 7 0	...	112 8 0	4,586 0 0	

61. The following is a list of works carried out during the year through the agency of the Public Works Department:—

	Name of Work.	Amount of expenditure.
		Rs. a. p.
1.	Forest Depôt House at Sáwtá	1,082 11 2
2.	Do. do. A'tgáon ...	1,066 4 4
3.	Do. do. Wángni ...	1,190 1 0
4.	Do. do. Kasárá ...	1,075 13 4
5.	Do. do. Wásind ...	1,172 9 5
6.	Do. do. Pálghar ...	1,181 5 1
	Total ...	6,768 12 4